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(Docket No. 12053)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

**WILLIAM HIATT ET AL**

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE  
TREATMENT OF SOOT-LADEN  
WATER.**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**  
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and request reconsideration in view of the accompanying remarks. This Amendment is timely; therefore, no extension of time is due.